

### **The amazing Ohio competition in the Ohio K-12 education marketplace.**

The education privatizers in Ohio are wild-eyed enthusiasts about the need for competition in K-12 education. They bellow that competition is the key to improvement. Competition will force the “government” schools to leap over tall buildings of poverty and excite every student to demonstrate 100% proficiency, they say. That would be wonderful if that were possible.

Competition in the marketplace assumes the same rules apply to all competitors. Competition in sports assumes the rules are the same for all competitors. Competition in the various aspects of life assumes that the rules are the same for all participants.

Ohio politicians have, in violation of the Ohio Constitution, created various alternatives to the constitutionally required common school system. Each of the illegitimate state-induced education creations operates by a set of rules that differ from each other and, of course, from the public common school system:

- Non-chartered, nonpublic schools, often referred to as 08 schools. These schools operate with virtually no state rules.
- Chartered private schools. These schools operate with a few state rules but substantive rules such as state financial audits, due process for teachers and students, and state report cards do not apply.
- Charter schools. These schools are exempt from hundreds of state rules.
- Public common schools. These schools are highly regulated to protect students, parents, employees, taxpayers, and all other school patrons.

So much for a level playing field.

The real goal of privatizers in education is not to compete with authentic public schools; it is to eliminate them through various nefarious attacks.